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SUBJECT: VIETNAM INTEREST IN ADB

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1. ECOUNS REVIEWED REFTTEL POSITION ORALLY WITH FIN MIN KIM YONG-WHAN AND BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE DIRECTOR CHONG IN-YONG, WHO WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE ADB MEETING.

2. KIM RESPONDED LACONICALLY, ASKING WHY WE DIDN'T JUST SAY NO TO FULL VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME.

3. HE THEN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT ROKG REASON FOR NOT WANTING TO NAME A KOREAN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR WAS THAT IT WOULD VIOLATE THE UNDERSTANDING WITH ROC AND RVN OF THE TIME THE SUBGROUP WAS FORMED AND THAT KOREA WAS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE ITS OWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUT PREFERRED A LOWER PROFILE IN THE SUBGROUP. HE WAS AWARE OF ROC DESIRE NOT TO HAVE THE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR JOB AND SO THE ROK HAD PROPOSED TO DEFER FILLING THE POSITION NOW.
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